

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 147

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Fred W. McMahan of Gatlinburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. McMahan; and

WHEREAS, Fred McMahan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity in local government, serving as both mayor and vice mayor of Gatlinburg between 1991 and 1999, in which positions he earned the respect of his fellow citizens for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a captain with the Sevier County Sheriff's Department, and was the proud owner of Fred's NAPA auto parts store in Gatlinburg for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMahan was a true music man of the Smokies; for fifty-one years he was the backbone of the Smoky Mountain Travelers band; he loved his music and the joy it gave to those who heard it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMahan was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Mae, who preceded him in death; and was the proud parent of two children, Larry and Melodie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMahan will also be sorely missed by his sister, Irene; his grand-daughters, Hannah and Sarah; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a man who loved life, people, politics, and his beloved bluegrass music; and

WHEREAS, Fred McMahan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Fred W. McMahan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McMahan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.